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SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROJECT WITH
COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

REF: BOGOTA 4205

PASS JERRY MARTIN, AID

1. LAINCC MET MAY 12 TO REVIEW EMBASSY REQUEST OUTLINED
REFTEL. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT CENTERED AROUND ROLE OF
CUSTOMS, ROLE OF DAS, LIST OF COMMODITIES REQUESTED
AND GOC INPUT IN PROJECT.

2. MEMBERS COMMITTEE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH
EMBASSY REQUEST AND HAVE RECOMMENDED TO S/NM AND
AMBASSADOR VANCE HAS APPROVED GOING FORWARD ASAP WITH A
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION FOR THE PROJECT UNDER
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SECTION 113 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION ACT OF
1975. CONGRESS HAS FIFTEEN DAYS TO REGISTER ANY
OBJECTIONS BEFORE WE CAN OBLIGATE FUNDS. DURING THIS
PERIOD WE WOULD LIKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

(A) SPECIFICALLY, HOW MANY UNITS DOES REQUEST COVER FOR FY 75 AND FY 76 AND WHY ARE FUNDS NEEDED FOR BOTH FISCAL YEARS SINCE THIS APPEARS TO BE ONE-TIME ONLY TRANCHE OF ASSISTANCE TO HELP SET UP THE UNITS. FROM LISTING OF COMMODITIES IN PARAGRAPH 4, HOW EQUIPMENT LISTED IS TO BE DIVIDED AMONG 9 ADDITIONAL POLICE UNITS IS UNCLEAR. REQUEST BREAKDOWN ON UNIT BY UNIT BASIS, INCLUDING LISTING OF WHICH COLOMBIAN AIRPORTS WILL BE SERVICED. EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE OF GOC BUDGETARY SUPPORT PLANNED FOR THIS PROJECT IS NEEDED.

(B) AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR QTE NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION EQUIPMENT FOR LABORATORY OF LEGAL MEDICINE UNQTE SEEMS EXCESSIVE. WHAT TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (AND ITS COST) IS INCLUDED IN THIS REQUEST? REPORT WILL BE REVIEWED BY LAB EXPERT HERE.

(C) IN VIEW STILL AWAITED GUIDELINES FOR COORDINATION NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS AMONG VARIOUS GOC AGENCIES, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE OF CHIEF OF DAS IN THIS PROJECT AND IN ITS EXECUTION, IF APPROPRIATE.

3. PROJECT AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR EVALUATION THIS ACTIVITY AS WELL AS PROVIDING PROGRAM INFORMATION TO ASSIST IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. PROJECT GOAL AND PURPOSE SHOULD BE FULLY DEFINED AND ANTICIPATED PROJECT OUTPUT SHOULD BE FULLY DESCRIBED, I.E., WHAT WILL FUNCTIONING JUDICIAL POLICE UNITS CONSIST OF AT END OF PROJECT IN TERMS OF FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES. ALSO, A TIME PHASED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELATING MUTUAL PROJECT INPUTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO CONCLUDE PROAG WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON BASIS RESPONSE THIS MESSAGE AND AFTER FIFTEEN DAY
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NOTIFICATION PERIOD DISCUSSED ABOVE. TO PROCEED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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